

AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 1, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1835

Introduced by Assembly Member Olsen

February 18, 2014

An act to amend Section 38601 of the Vehicle Code, relating to recreational off-highway vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1835, as amended, Olsen. Recreational off-highway vehicles: helmets: exemption.

Existing law prohibits a person from operating, or allowing a passenger in, a recreational off-highway vehicle unless the person and the passenger are wearing safety helmets, as specified.

~~This bill would exempt an operator or passenger of a recreational off-highway vehicle from the requirement to wear a safety helmet if the person is 18 years of age or older, the recreational off-highway vehicle has been equipped with a rollbar by the manufacturer, the person is seated in a seat that has been installed by the manufacturer, and the person is wearing a seat belt. instead prohibit the above-described activities only on public lands.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 38601 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:

1 38601. ~~(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a~~ A person
2 shall not operate, or allow a passenger in, a recreational
3 off-highway vehicle *on public lands* unless the person and the
4 passenger are wearing safety helmets meeting the requirements
5 established for motorcycles and motorized bicycles pursuant to
6 Section 27802.

7 ~~(b) An operator or passenger of a recreational off-highway~~
8 ~~vehicle is not required to wear a safety helmet pursuant to~~
9 ~~subdivision (a) if all of the following apply:~~

10 ~~(1) The person is 18 years of age or older.~~

11 ~~(2) The recreational off-highway vehicle has been equipped~~
12 ~~with a rollbar by the manufacturer.~~

13 ~~(3) The person is seated in a seat that has been installed by the~~
14 ~~manufacturer for the purpose of seating the operator or passenger~~
15 ~~of the recreational off-highway vehicle.~~

16 ~~(4) The person is wearing a seat belt.~~